

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School



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## August 2010 Parent Newsletter

### OFFICE HOURS

During the month of August school office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00-1:00PM. On Monday, August 30, the office hours are from 9AM-3PM. If you need to contact us other than scheduled hours, please e-mail to [ollourdes@yahoo.com](mailto:ollourdes@yahoo.com) or leave a message on voicemail 215-877-2727.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

School begins at 8:05AM, on Wednesday, September 8 for **grades 1-8**. The dismissal for the first week of school is 12PM. Full day classes begin on Monday, September 13, for **grades 1-8 and dismiss is at 2:50PM**.

**Pre-K and Kindergarten** classes will begin on **Monday, September 13, 2010** and the dismissal for the week is 12PM. The first full day of school for **Pre-K and Kindergarten** will begin on Monday, September 20 and dismissal is at 2:50PM.

### SCHOOL HOURS

School is in session from 8:05AM until 2:50PM. We ask all the students to be in the school parking lot before the first bell ring at 8:05AM. Students arriving after 8:10AM must report to the office for a late slip.

### BUS LANE AND SCHOOL LOT

When dropping off and/or picking up children, parents are not allowed to park in the school lot or bus lane in the morning and afternoon. The few parking spaces in the school lot are reserved for our faculty and staff. Parents should not get out of their cars, the car line needs to keep moving. Parents are asked to respect each other in front of the children.

## **ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL FOR CARS**

Cars coming into the schoolyard at the beginning and end of the day must form a line. Parents are asked to stay in their cars. The students are not permitted to walk through the schoolyard. Teachers will put the children into the cars one at a time. For the safety of our children we ask for your cooperation and patience with the arrival and dismissal procedure for cars. Please do not park your car in the car line to walk your child/ren to the door, this will hold up traffic in the schoolyard and in the street and accidents can happen.

## **MEDICATIONS**

If a student has a food allergy, asthma, or other life threatening conditions, the parent/legal guardians must supply the school with the proper medication. Failure to do so may result in your child being suspended from school until the medication is received in the school office. All medications must be in the original container with the prescription label attached. At any time for any reason, no student is allowed to keep any medication with him or her during school.

## **CELL PHONES**

Students are not permitted to carry cell phones during school hours. Home teachers will collect the cell phones in the morning, and sent to the office. Cell phones are returned to the students at the end of the school day. In the event of an **emergency only**, students must use the school office phone. If a student is caught with a cell phone, it will be confiscated and held in the Principal's office. The confiscated cell phone **will only be returned to a parent. Student will receive a detention or suspension. Late students should take responsibility to turn in the phone in the office.**

## **MUSIC PLAYERS AND ELECTRONIS DEVICES**

No electronic devices (ipods, CD players, gameboys, PSP, Nintendo DS, cameras, etc.) are allowed in school. These items will be confiscated and **only returned to a parent.** We are not responsible for lost items.

## **TUITION: The Tuition will collected in the school office**

To avoid any unpleasant situations, please make every effort to keep your child/ren tuition up to date. Students with delinquent accounts may not attend class. Tuition for July and August must be paid for your child/ren to begin class on September 8, 2010. Parents with any outstanding balances from 2009-2010 school year must be paid by August 15, 2010. **Failure to meet this deadline will result in your child/ren no longer being enrolled at Our Lady of Lourdes School for September 2010.**

## **NEW STUDENTS**

All students new to Our Lady of Lourdes School are required to have a physical and dental exam before starting school. **Students will not be admitted to school until all health records are complete.** Exams must be dated after September 2009. Forms are due the first week of school.

## **IMMUNIZATIONS (ALL STUDENTS)**

**Please provide proof of vaccines by the first day of school.**

DtaP/DPT/DT/Td: 4 Doses at least one dose after 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Polio: 3 Doses

MMR: 2 Doses both after the 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday  
Hepatitis B: 3 Doses - Please complete in 4 months  
Varicella (Chickenpox): 2 Doses -1<sup>st</sup> dose 12-15 months of age  
-2<sup>nd</sup> dose 4-7 years of age (at least 3 mos. after 1<sup>st</sup>)  
- 2<sup>nd</sup> dose **Require all grades**  
Tdap (Adacel or Boostrix): 1 dose required for **admission to 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade**  
Meningitis Shot (Menactra) 1 dose required for **admission to 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade**

### **SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT**

All students in grades PK-8 have a mandatory summer reading list in June. Writing assignments are due the first week of school. This assignment will be graded for reading. The summer reading for Pre-K-8 are posted on our school website.

### **STATIONERY/SUPPLY LIST**

Stationery list could be found on our school website. All students in grades Pre-K through 8 are required to have all the stated supplies for the first week of school. All the textbooks from grades 3-8 must use cloth book socks and clear contact paper for the work books.

**\*All the textbooks must be covered all the time.**

### **LUNCH**

All students must bring their lunch during the month of September. Lunches are not needed on half days (12PM dismissal). Parents are **not** allowed to deliver lunches to school on a daily basis. **NO FAST FOOD. The Hot Lunch Program will start in October.**

### **CARES (BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM)**

Parents that are interested in the registration information for morning and afternoon cares please contact the school office. Morning and afternoon CARES will begin on Monday, September 13, 2010 for grades 1-8. Pre-K & Kindergarten will start the week of September 20, 2010. Registration free for cares is \$25.00. Morning Cares is from 6:30AM-8:00AM, and the fee is \$25.00 per student per week. After Cares is from 3:PM-6:00PM, and the fee is \$50:00 per student per week.

### **FALL FEST**

Save the date of Saturday, November 6, 2010 on your calendar. There will be a Fall Fest with a Dinner Dance and Silent Auction. Admission will be by ticket only. More information will follow.z

### **PK AND KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS**

- Back to school night for Pre-K and Kindergarten is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7 at 7PM. This meeting is **mandatory** for all students and parents. Important information will be discussed and distributed.
- Students **must** bring a book bag and snack to school everyday.
- PK students should wear casual clothing, sneakers or shoes with a non-skid sole.
- Kindergarten students wear the school gym uniform everyday.
- Students **must** bring an extra set of clothing (shirt, pants, socks and underwear) in a shoebox or plastic bag to keep it in the classroom. Accidents (bathroom, food and playground) will happen.

## **GRADES 1-8**

- Students **must** wear summer uniforms until mid October. Uniforms must be purchased at Flynn and O'Hara. School shoes can be purchased at B & S Shoes.

Flynn & O'Hara	Drexel Hill	610-259-3115
Flynn & O'Hara	Clifton Heights	610-284-1485
B & S Shoes	Drexel Hill	610-284-1070

## **SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION**

School bus information will be mailed directly to you from The Public School District Transportation Department the week of August 31 to students that have requested bus transportation. The Public School District Transportation Department schedules bus routes and bus stops. Our Lady of Lourdes School Administrators have no control in scheduling bus routes, bus stops, pick-up or drop off times.

Students **must** bring a book bag and all the items from the stationery list to school on the first day of school Wednesday, September 8, 2010.

## **LAB & TECH MATERIAL FEES**

Lab & Technology material fees are due along with the tuition this year starting in July. It will be \$38.00 a month for grades 1-8 and \$15.00 a month for Pre-K and Kindergarten. This will run for 10 months which is the same time period as the tuition. Failure to pay these fees on time will result in the student(s) not able to return to school.

## **UNIFORM**

### **Kindergarten students wear gym uniform daily**

Students from grade 1-8 **must** wear summer uniform until October 15, 2010 (Refer to student handbook for complete uniform dress code, make-up and jewelry policies. Demerits or detentions will be given for non-compliance). Student handbook can be found on our website [www.ourladylourdesschool.com](http://www.ourladylourdesschool.com).

## **BOYS**

\*boys **are not** permitted to wear earrings

Grades 1-8: S/S light blue golf (gym) shirt with **school monogram and shield**

Blue pants with black or brown belt

Golf shirt **must** be tucked into pants

## **GIRLS**

\*hair accessories **must** be blue or white and can be purchased at Flynn & O'Hara Uniforms, **NO** make-up, lip gloss, nail polish or artificial nails, earrings may **not** be larger than a quarter, long earrings are **not** permitted.

Grades 1-4: S/S white blouse (round collar)  
Navy and white plaid jumper with **school monogram and shield**

Grades 5-8: S/S white golf (gym) shirt with **school monogram and shield**  
Navy and white plaid skirt  
(golf shirt **must** be tucked into skirt)

**ALL STUDENTS**

\*nose earrings, visible tattoos of any kind, boys are not permitted to have Mohawks, lines, and long and/or braided hair.

Navy or white socks

Black Oxford Shoe

**SUMMER GYM UNIFORM: BOYS & GIRLS IN GRADES K-8**

**Boys:** light blue golf shirt with school monogram and shield

**Girls:** white golf shirt with school monogram and shield

**All students:** -navy sweat shorts or pants

- white socks

- sneakers (roller skate sneakers are not permitted)

**UNIFORMS & SHOES ARE AVAILABLE AT:**

Flynn & O'Hara

Drexeline Shopping Ctr.

Drexel Hill , PA 19026

610-259-3115

*\*uniforms only*

Flynn & O'Hara

30 E. Baltimore Pike

Clifton Heights , PA 19018

610-284-1485

*\*uniform and shoes*

B & S Shoes

Drexeline Shopping Ctr.

Drexel Hill , PA 19026

610-284-1070

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